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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Implementation of Joint Study Group Recommendations: Current Status (U)

Reference is made to my memorandum on the same subject on February 15, 1961.

In the ensuing month, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have responded to the Secretary of Defense directive for the development of a concept for an integrated Defense Intelligence Agency. The JCS study has been circulated throughout the Department of Defense for study and comment by the Service Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries of Defense.

The interaction of the JCS study and the Office of the Secretary of Defense comments is intended to produce full implementation of Recommendation No. 1 and consequently serve as a point of departure for implementation of recommendations related to No. 1.

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In collaboration with [redacted] of the Central Intelligence Agency and Mr. Lowell Dailey representing the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Mr. Clyde Elliott of this office is studying means to effect better coordination of USIB community research and development activities for intelligence purposes. The deliberations of this group are directed toward implementation of No. 39.

In a similar development, Mr. Dailey, [redacted] representative of the National Security Agency, and Mr. Elliott met to begin the reappraisal of the adequacy of research and development programs for electronic intelligence as stipulated in No. 9.

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Responses to an Office of Special Operations letter to the Services in connection with personnel matters covered by No. 4, No. 5, and No. 12 have begun to come in. These are being analyzed in advance of further, more detailed work on the problem of career management for intelligence.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

After you have noted, I will show this
to General Cabell and send it on to [redacted]
[redacted] for his information and file.

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